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BACTERIAL OVERGROWTH (SIBO) AND SIBO-RELATED  
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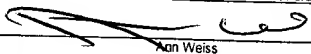
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Applicants' attorney submits herewith the full text of literature of which he is aware, that he believes may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56. The filing of this information disclosure statement is before a first Office Action on the merits.

Applicant's attorney further submits herewith Form PTO-1449, "Information Disclosure Statement" by Applicant and a copy of references Nos. 137-161 and the patents on page 15 of Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the disclosed patents on pages 1-4 and page 17 of Form PTO-1449 and other references listed as other documents Nos. 1-136 and 162-177 is not being submitted herewith, because under Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) this art was previously cited by the Examiner and/or the Applicant in connection with U.S. Serial No. 09/374,142, filed August 11, 1999; 09/546,119, filed April 10, 2000; 09/420,046, filed October 18, 1999; 08/832,307, filed April 3, 1997; and 08/442,843, filed May 17, 1995. These previously filed Applications were cited by applicant in this present Application per 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 119(e).

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